

Sustainable Planning, Development & Design in the Netherlands

USP 171GS: International Sustainable Development
USP 183GS: International Urban Design Practicum



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About us



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Program Highlights

- 5 weeks Summer Session in Amsterdam with excursions to Rotterdam, Utrecht, and Groningen



Courses

USP 171GS INTERNATIONAL SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

USP 183GS INTERNATIONAL URBAN DESIGN PRACTICUM

8 units of UC San Diego credit

Fulfills Urban Studies & Planning and Real Estate & Development requirements.

Open to ALL majors



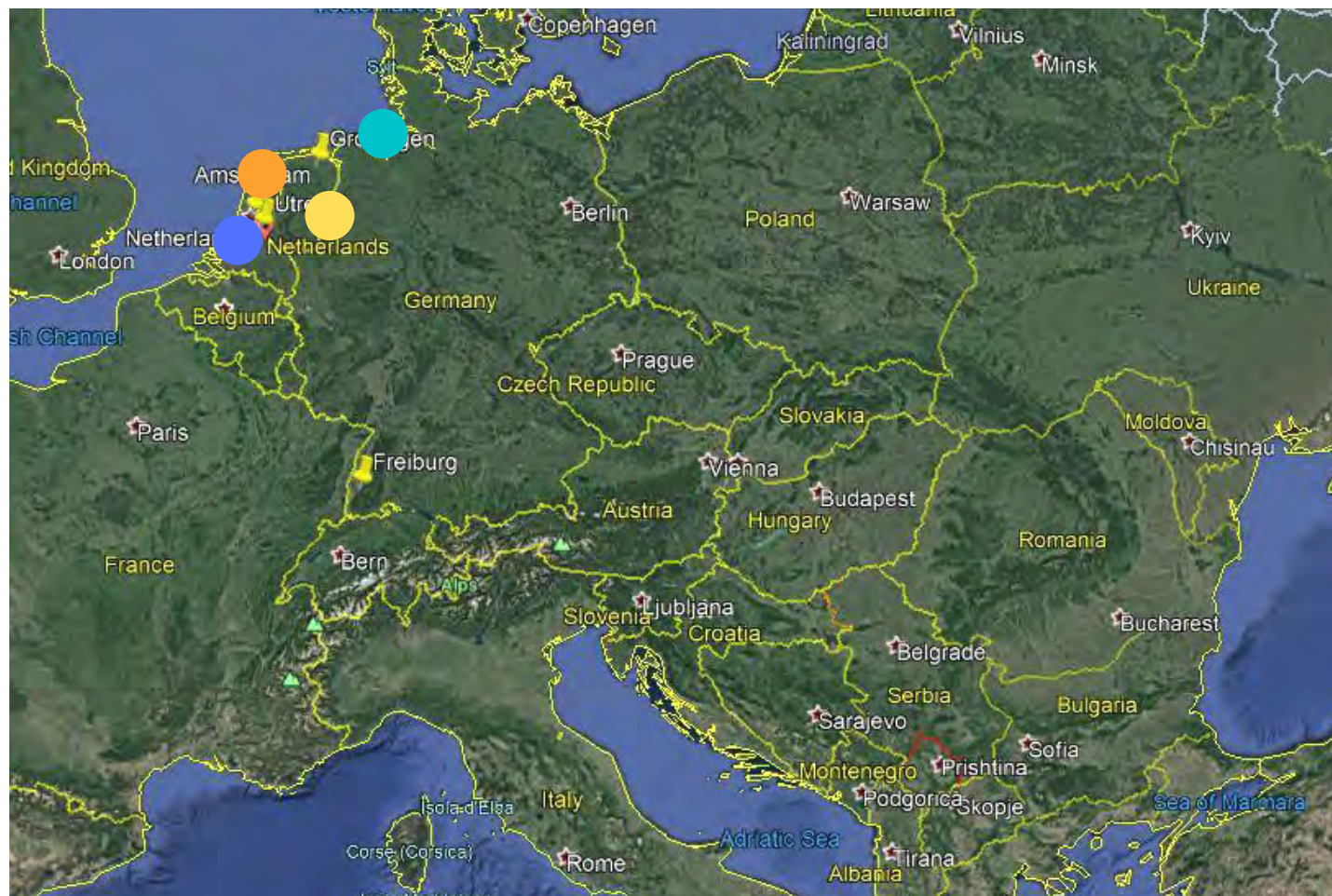


Why the Netherlands?

We selected the Netherlands because we have spent time in Amsterdam and want to share with you the most innovative sustainable design and development projects. Studying in the Netherlands we will explore how the Dutch improve the quality of urban life by re-orienting city design to put people first.



Context



AMSTERDAM IS ...

- 1.15 million people
- Over 300 miles of bike lanes & 60 miles of canals
- Aims to be the first European city to achieve zero CO2 emissions by 2050

UTRECHT IS ...

- 357,000 people
- Vibrant university town
- The first human rights city in the Netherlands

ROTTERDAM IS ...

- 651,000 people
- Has the world's first floating dairy farm
- Known as a "sustainable design capital"

The HAGUE IS ...

- 715,000 people
- Known as the international city of peace and justice.
- Has more than 115 courtyards



"The Erasmus Bridge is the result of an unusual design process in which architects and engineers interacted as equals. In the end this resulted in a bridge that evidences a full commitment to both technical and aesthetic standards."

Reusink, Jaco; Kuijpers, Martin. "Designing the Erasmus Bridge, Rotterdam" (November 1998).



Amsterdam



Aerial - Amsterdam, Netherlands

Figure Ground – Amsterdam, Netherlands
Drawn by Mylinh Lac for USP 177A



LEGEND

- Building
- Canal
- Freeway

200 400 Feet
1 inch = 200 feet



Amsterdam



Rotterdam



Utrecht



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The Hague



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MONET BERNARD

“Attending this Global seminar was by far the best decision of my college experience, and I wouldn’t be the person I am today without it. Not only did it introduce me to the field of sustainable development that I now wish to pursue, but it also ignited my love for travel and helped me foster deep connections with my professors and peers (who remain some of my closest friends to this day). Professor Peerson and Rabinowitz-Bussell ensured an incredibly enriching and educational experience, and I know all of you will have the time of your lives in Amsterdam!”

CURREN ORR

“Studying in Amsterdam was an unforgettable experience that transformed both my academic and personal growth. Together with my classmates, I formed enduring connections and had the opportunity to explore a new city with two incredible professors.”



MICHAEL WOOL

"Studying abroad in Amsterdam truly changed my life. Being the only non-UCSD student on the trip, I went in very timid and nervous about making new friends, connecting with the professors, etc. From the moment I landed, I knew I made the right decision. If you are passionate about urban planning (specifically bike infrastructure), I promise you Amsterdam will live up to the hype; it really is unparalleled. Moreover, the connections I made with my classmates and with Sue and Mirle are connections I will have for the rest of my life. While the trip is long over, I have experience from the Amsterdam trip that I apply to my career in active transportation planning every day. 10/10!"



Student Testimonials





MOLLY RYAN

“This global seminar was the highlight of my college experience! The forward-thinking planning of Amsterdam, paired with passionate and eager professors and peers, made my 5 weeks in the Netherlands very valuable. I also made lifelong friendships and see my Amsterdam classmates regularly to this day. Thanks Sue and Mirle for the wonderful experience and I can’t recommend this trip enough.”

TARO TANAKA

“I learned so much about myself and the world during the five-week global seminar program in Amsterdam. The program offers a perfect opportunity to develop individual skills and step out of your comfort zone, with strong support from peers, professors, and program faculty. I would summarize this as a new chapter in life—a trial period where you are guaranteed security and safety while having personal freedom to explore the unknown, understand the interaction between you and the world, embrace new discoveries, and live your youth to the fullest.”



KATELYN CLEVELAND

“Studying abroad in the Netherlands was a truly life-changing experience for me, as cliché as it may sound. During my time there, I had the opportunity to explore new places and cultures while also discovering more about myself and my passions. Additionally, forming close bonds and creating lasting memories with fellow UC students and professors made it an intimate journey I will treasure forever.”

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“UCSD is a big school, but the Amsterdam global seminar has made it feel smaller. It really is a special thing to learn something in the morning, then in that same afternoon walk and experience that same thing alongside a dozen other people who love dorking out to urbanism just as much as you do. I've come back to San Diego with more confidence in my abilities, clarity in what classes I want to focus on, and optimism about the future of planning—as well as with stronger quads for biking.”



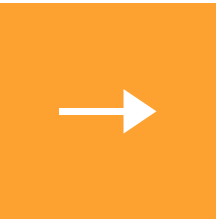
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“ Studying in Amsterdam with Sue and Mirle and my cohort was such a special experience. Learning about sustainability and urban design in the classroom is one thing but it was such a wonderful opportunity to see it all in action every time we were out on the streets of Amsterdam. We were also able to explore other cities of the Netherlands like Utrecht and Rotterdam. Overall, the best part of my time in Amsterdam was making friendships and connections with people who truly value protecting the environment. I loved that the assignments were project based so we really got to apply and visualize the concepts we learned about. They truly are great professors and even more amazing mentors that I believe you all would be so lucky to have.”

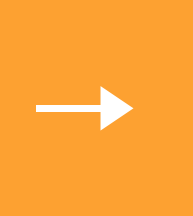
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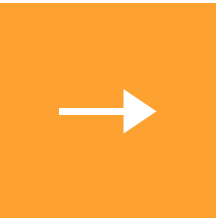
Student Experience Abroad



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We hope
you can
join us!





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Summer Session I July 1 – Aug 2, 2024



INFO SESSION

NOVEMBER 8, 2023

from 3:00pm to 4:30pm

<https://ucsd.zoom.us/j/99821662867>

Go to the UC San Diego Global Seminar web page for more information:
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